

Nevada State Medical Association

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Nevada Medical Bulletin, May 15, 1923—The time for the meeting of the A. M. A. is drawing near, and the secretary would like to have the names of our members that expect to attend; also the name of the hotel at which you will stop. The meeting will be held June 25-29. Our members should make a special effort to go, as it is not often that we have the opportunity to attend such a meeting for so little expense. The California Society is working hard to get ready for the crowd, and assures us that everything possible will be done to help us have a good time. Nevada should have a "Headquarters" and we hope to be able to arrange for one, so that we can have a place to receive and entertain our Eastern (and Western) friends. Our own meeting time is not so far off, and will be upon us before we know it, which reminds us that the program is a long, long ways from being complete. We would like to have at least twelve Nevada essayists this year, and we know that our members can deliver the goods. From present indications, we predict that the attendance will be larger than last year, when there were sixty-four physicians registered, besides a number of nurses and other visitors. We did not have enough badges to go around, so we will buy one hundred this year and hope none will be left over. If you are still in the notion of stepping into the limelight with that paper you have been wanting to read, please let the secretary know about it right away, as he is anxious to get the program complete as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the last minute, as it may then be too late to find a place for you.

In accordance with a much neglected by-law, each essayist will be required to deposit his paper with the secretary, so that it can be offered to our official journal (the California State Journal) for publication. Papers will be limited to twenty minutes and discussions to five; no one being allowed to talk twice on the same subject without unanimous consent. If these rules are observed there will be no need of the last-minute rush that we have been so accustomed to, and we will be able to attend to all of our business in a quite, orderly manner.

Don't forget about the big barbecue picnic on the last day. All you need to gain admittance is a hearty appetite and a 1923 membership card. If you haven't the latter, the former will avail you nothing except uneasiness. We still have a few of the blue and white membership cards and will be glad to send one to any member that has a guilty conscience, in exchange for his autograph on a certain kind of bank stationery.

UTAH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Association will be held in Salt Lake City, June 20 to 22. An excellent program, including papers by both local and visiting physicians, has been provided.

Clinics will be held in the hospitals of the city, and the social program looks very tempting.

The scientific program includes the following topics and speakers:

- "Management of Fractures at Base of Skull." H. H. Kerr, Washington, D. C.
- "Endocarditis." Emanuel Libman, New York.
- "Harelip and Cleft Palate." V. P. Blair, St. Louis.
- "Pericardial Pain." Emanuel Libman, New York.
- "The Treatment of Gastric Duodenal Ulcer." Carl Beck, Chicago.
- "Osteomyelitis." A. J. Ochsner, Chicago.
- "Plastic Surgery of Hands and Fingers." Carl Beck, Chicago.
- "Problems in Kidney and Ureteral Surgery." Herman L. Kretschmer, Chicago.

"Changing Views in Eczema." William A. Pusey, Chicago.

"Protein Phases of Cutaneous Syphilis." Grover W. Wende, Buffalo.

"The Medical Practitioner and the American Society for the Control of Cancer." J. E. Rush, New York.

"Big Repairs after Cancer Operations."—V. P. Blair, St. Louis.

"Cancer Infection." A. J. Ochsner, Chicago.

The officers of the Association are J. C. Landenberger, Salt Lake City, president; J. R. Morrell, Ogden, first vice-president; George F. Roberts, Salt Lake City, second vice-president; Joseph Hughes, Spanish Fork, third vice-president; William L. Rich, Salt Lake City, secretary; F. L. Peterson, Salt Lake City, treasurer; G. L. Rees, Smithfield, R. R. Hampton, Salt Lake City, and E. G. Hughes, Provo, councilors.

Salt Lake Entertainment—The Salt Lake County Medical Society is arranging for the entertainment at Salt Lake City, Utah, of visitors who may be able to stop over en route either going to or coming from the A. M. A. convention at San Francisco. The society has appointed committees to greet and assist in making arrangements to see the city and, if possible, some of the surrounding territory, which may include wonderful mountain drives, a visit to Saltair, which is situated on Great Salt Lake, and a visit to the great copper mines in that vicinity.

Large parties intending to make this stopover are requested to give notice to the society as far in advance as possible, as to the number in party and length of time of stopover. Inquiries relative to this matter should be directed to Secretary Dr. Floyd F. Hatch, Deseret Bank Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Calling the Doctors In—It has long been the custom in so-called "practical" affairs, to have official information on special subjects furnished by experts. The recent health conference held by Governor Smith, at Albany, is the first instance where a similar theory has been applied by the State to medical matters. Legislation on medical subjects, in the past, has been notoriously inept, for the reason that neither the legislative nor the executive branch of the government has troubled to inform itself of the views held by the physicians, the logical mentors in subjects pertaining to public health.

When the Governor of New York announced his intention of convoking representatives of the medical profession to discuss the pressing health questions of the hour, many doubts were expressed as to their ability to arrive at a practical and far-sighted solution of the subjects under discussion. The more cynical did not hesitate to impugn the altruism of a group of men who might so readily be considered interested parties.

What Is a School?—In the seventh annual report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, President Henry S. Pritchett discusses, among many things, the rising cost of education. He thinks much of this rising cost is due to "mistaken views of education." The report intimates that if the demands of the schools continue to increase at the present rate, society will soon be unable to bear the cost. Hence, the public school will be endangered unless its cost is brought within limits that the public can bear, and unless it fulfills the primary objects for which it exists. Dr. Pritchett suggests that this rising cost is partly justified, because some of it is due to the increase in the number of pupils, the betterment of school facilities, and the increase in teachers' salaries. But some of it is due to the fact that the school has lost its way and is now taking on a great variety of activities that not only do not accomplish their own avowed purposes, but actually defeat the original and primary purposes of the school.—The Survey, March 15, 1923.